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Communications.
For the Columbian Star:
SABBATH SCHOOL UNION
The District of Columbia and its vicinity.
The following gentlemen are the delegates from the several societies and schools, which compose this Union, to wit:
First Presbyterian church.—Mr. Andrew Wyle, Mr. John Coyle, jr. and Mr. James Gore.
Second Presbyterian church.—Rev. Daniel Ker, Mr. James H. Handy, and George Ellis.
St. John's church.—Rev. Wm. Hawley, Mr. Henry Whitcroft, and Mr. William Wines.
Foundry Methodist church.—Mr. Basil Taring, Mr. Wm. Billing, and Mr. John Duval.
First Baptist church.—Mr. Joseph Thaw, Mr. Isaac G. Hutton, and Mr. Daniel Town.
Columbian College.—Mr. Baron Stow, Mr. Harvey Bull, and Mr. Robert P. Anderson.
Presbyterian church.—Rev. James McLean, Rev. John N. Campbell, and Mr. Thomas Mustin.
Christ's church (male school).—Mr. M. Morton, Mr. Wm. G. Ridgely, and Mr. Wm. Smith.
Do. do. (female do.).—Mr. Wm. Morton.
Presbyterian church, Bladensburg, (Md.)—Mr. William Gardiner, and Mr. Robert Wright.
The officers of the Union, for the current year, are
Rev. Daniel Baker, President.
Rev. John N. Campbell, Vice-Pres't.
Mr. R. Stow, Secretary.
Mr. Wm. Morton, and Mr. B. Waring, Treasurers.
Mr. George Gilliss, Secretary.
Mr. Isaac G. Hutton, Treasurer.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.
This Union was formed in July, 1823, and is under its patronage 14 schools, 77 male and 97 female, in all 174 teachers, and 1029 white and 250 coloured, in all 1279 learners, to wit:
Sabbath School Association, 1st Presbyterian church, Washington.—This association has under its direction 4 schools, 482 learners, 323 white and 159 coloured, 23 male and 24 female teachers, and 3 superintendents. The senior classes in these schools have, during the past year, committed to memory 4096 bible questions, 20-25 verses of Scripture, 14,282 answers of catechism, and 4976 verses of hymns, making a total of 43,989 verses of Scripture, catechism, and hymns. These schools are now in a flourishing condition, and there is every reason to believe that they will be productive of great good to that part of the city in which they are situated. This association expresses its grateful acknowledgments to the Dorcas Association, for its very benevolent and seasonable aid. This Society, composed chiefly of the female teachers connected with the association, and during the last winter it furnished to the poorer scholars upwards of 220 garments. These scholars were thus enabled to attend and receive instruction when other schools were generally closed. In reference to this interesting fact, the Union would fervently pray, that the noble example of this Society may not be without effect; that others who notice this report may be induced by it to "go and do likewise."
Sabbath School Society 2d Presbyterian church, Washington.—This school was instituted April, 1822. It has 130 learners, 69 white, and 61 coloured, and 9 male, and 23 female teachers. All the officers and most of the teachers are members of the Presbyterian church. The school is flourishing. Two of the coloured learners, one male and one female, have recently made a public profession of the religion of our blessed Lord and Saviour.
Sabbath School of Georgetown.—Presbyterian church, has 100 white learners, 19 male and 6 female teachers. The proficiency of the scholars in the last year is encouraging. In the first class, most of Paul's epistles, and the larger and shorter "Westminster Catechism" have been committed to memory. One of the pupils in six months committed to memory 1009 verses of Scripture, 220 answers to questions in catechism,

and 170 hymns. Many others deserve commendation for similar diligence and proficiency. Within the last year one of the teachers has made a public profession of religion.
Sabbath School Society of Bladensburg, Md.—Presbyterian church. This school was instituted in the early part of 1823, and has 36 white learners, and 4 male, and 4 female teachers. It is conducted by a superintendent. All the officers and teachers except two are professors of religion. Previously to the organization of the "Union of the District of Columbia and its vicinity," this school was declining, but since that period it has revived and been enlarged; the teachers are more regular in their attendance, and greater zeal in this good cause is manifested by every individual connected with the school and Society.
Sabbath School Society, Foundry church, (Methodist) Washington.—This school was instituted in June, 1822, and has 77 white learners, and 5 male, and 3 female teachers. They report that great advantages have been derived by the school from the little work published by the Union of Philadelphia, entitled "the Sunday School Teachers Guide;" and that while a becoming seriousness appears manifest in the conduct of the teachers, there is good reason to believe that important benefits will result to both teachers and scholars from their intercourse with each other.
Sunday School Society in the Columbian College, D. C.—was instituted in May, 1822. It has two schools under its care. In these schools are 82 learners, and 9 male, and 5 female teachers. The general influence of this society is considered to have been salutary, and there is good reason to expect that its labours will not be vain in the Lord.
The Washington Sabbath School, No. 1, (Baptist), was instituted in November, 1818. It has 60 learners, 20 white, and 40 coloured, and 4 male, and 8 female teachers, and a superintendent. The beneficial influence of this school is reported to have been considerable, and its prospects flattering.
Sunday School of St. John's church, Washington, (Episcopal), was instituted in 1817, and has 200 learners, and 9 male, and 10 female teachers. There is good reason to believe that some of the teachers in this school have been spiritually benefited by their engaging in this labour of love.
Maie Sunday School of Christ's church, Georgetown, (Episcopal), was instituted in 1819, and has 50 white learners, 6 male teachers and a superintendent. Two of these learners have become seriously impressed, and appear earnest in their search after the truth.
Female Sabbath School of Christ's church, Georgetown, (Episcopal), has 72 white learners, 12 teachers and a superintendent; 9 of the teachers are professors of religion. The improvement of the learners in this school is reported to be very encouraging.
In this brief summary of reports received from the several societies, and schools connected with it, the Union have to add, that since their formation, they have had two general meetings of the teachers and pupils under their care, at both of which addresses were delivered by several of the clergy; the interesting appearance on these occasions of so many children prevented from committing that sin which has, in so many instances, proved the beginning of an iniquitous course terminating at the gallows, we mean the violation of the Sabbath, and trained up in the paths of morality and religion, has not failed to produce a very favourable influence in behalf of our institution on the minds of the crowded audiences who attended.
The Union sees new reason to congratulate its members on its formation. It has been the means of reviving and giving new energy to several schools within its limits which had been rapidly declining, and would probably have soon become extinct, and it has also tended to encourage those that were in more prosperous circumstances; on the whole, it is confidently believed, that the establishment of similar associations, where they do not now exist, will have the happiest influence in promoting the interests of that inestimable blessing to the rising generation, the Sabbath day school. Providence has smiled upon our efforts, and our hearts are encouraged. While we ascribe to Him all the glory, let us return with fresh courage to the arduous and responsible but delightful task of training immortal beings for the glories and felicities of the paradise of God.
DANIEL BAKER, President.
GEO. GILLISS, Secretary.
Washington City, April 13.

Scientific.
From the Journal of Science.
THE GLOW WORM.
Mr. John Murray, in a communication recently made to the Royal Society, on the luminous matter of the glow worm, states some curious facts as the result of his own observations and experiments. He shows that this light is not connected with respiration, nor derived from the solar light; that it is not affected by cold, nor by magnetism, nor by submersion in water. Trials of submersion in water, in various temperatures, and in oxygen, are detailed. When a glow worm was immersed in carbonic acid gas, it died, shining brilliantly; in hydrogen it continued to shine, and did not seem to suffer. Mr. Murray infers, that the luminousness is independent, not only of the respiration, but of the volition and vital principle.

Some of the luminous matter contained in a detached state was also subjected to various experiments, from which it appears to be a gummo-albuminous substance, mixed with muriate of soda, and sulphate of alumine and potash, and to be composed of spherules. The light is considered to be permanent, its eclipses being caused by the interposition of an opaque medium.
M. Cadet Vaux, reflecting on the circumstances of a fire, when it occurs in a chimney, was led to endeavour at its extinction by rendering the air which passes up the flue unable to support combustion. This object he obtained by the simple means of throwing flower of sulphur on the fire in the grate, and so effectual was it, that a faggot suspended in the chimney near the top, and consequently near the external air, when set on fire and burning with great fury, was instantly extinguished on the application of the sulphur below. This process is the more applicable, inasmuch as it does not require that all the oxygen in this air should be converted into sulphurous acid gas before it passes up the chimney on the contrary, a comparatively small proportion of the latter gas, mixed with common air, is sufficient to prevent its supporting the combustion of common combustible bodies.
From the Family Visitor.
A Society has been recently formed in Prince Edward county, Virginia, for the cultivation of Literature and Science. Regular graduates and gentlemen of the learned professions only are eligible. A meeting is held once in two weeks, when a dissertation on some subject of investigation, is read by one of the members. Communications from distant members are also read before the Society. The most valuable Journals of Literature and Science, published in Europe and this country, are to be received for the use of the members.
From the Portsmouth Journal.
HISTORY OF CONCORD, N. H.
We have the pleasure of announcing another topographical history, in "the Annals of the Town of Concord," by Jacob B. Moore, which is published in an octavo volume of 112 pages. Besides a connected chronological narrative, the book contains biographical sketches of Sir Benjamin Thompson, (Count Rumford), Timothy Walker, Thomas W. Thompson, and other distinguished men who have resided in Concord; topographical description of the town; a memoir of the Penacook Indians; and an appendix of several valuable original documents. The inhabitants of Concord voted that every family in town should be furnished with a copy at the public expense. We are glad to find that a taste for historical research is rapidly increasing; and that we have men among us, of such industry, intelligence, and zeal as Mr. Moore and Mr. Farmer, disposed to gratify it.
From the New-York Daily Advertiser.
PRUNING FRUIT TREES.
A writer in the Vermont Republican, on the good effects of pruning fruit trees, remarks, that from the observation of 20 or 30 years, he is satisfied that the method heretofore practised of pruning in March and April is injurious, particularly to young trees. The stumps of limbs amputated in March, soon become dry, and crack open; and before the new growth can heal over the wound, the stump will rot, which deflection will soon penetrate to the heart of the tree, and cause its death. This writer thinks June the proper season, when the tree is full of sap. The wound will then soon heal, and the tree assume a healthy appearance. He also condemns the practice of some farmers, who neglect to trim their orchards when the trees are young and thriving; the consequence of such neglect is, where the orchard is set in fertile land, that the trees send out twice the number of branches that the root is able to support in old age; and injure the tree much more than if amputated when the tree is young and vigorous.
From the New-York Statesman.
IMPROVED PATENT HORSE-CHECKER.
Mr. Peter Laporte, a respectable French gentleman, who is now a citizen of Virginia, brought to our office this morning, a new kind of bridle, lately invented and patented by himself, to render riding on horseback, or in vehicles, perfectly safe with any horse, whether of vicious disposition or dangerous propensities. With it, the most untractable, hard-mouthed horse, can be governed by the strength of the little finger, so that he can neither run, rear, nor kick, under its powerful operation. This is effected by drawing his nose close to his breast, pinching both ears tight, and stopping his breath for a moment. In harness, it has an additional effect, by drawing the blinds over the eyes. The bridle is made as cheap, and more ornamental than common bridles. The simple snaffle bit is used, thereby enabling the horse to travel without that uneasiness and fatigue which the champing of the heavy, pinching curb-chain unavoidably occasions.
From the Providence Gazette.
The increased attention to the science of agriculture and gardening, manifested in all parts of the country, is highly auspicious to its future growth and importance. A late Long-Island Star informs us, that a number of scientific and practical men are about to organize a society for Horticultural Botanical purposes in the city of New-York. They intend to form a garden of about 10 or 12 acres, in which it is proposed to collect and classify all useful and ornamental American

plants; introduce such exotics as are famed for their beauty, or esteemed for their usefulness; propagate every species and variety of fruit trees; and, from time to time distribute gratis to nurserymen, and others, such cuttings and buds, with correct information as to their proper characters, as have been satisfactorily ascertained to be genuine, by the members of the society.
From Gurney's Lectures on Chemistry.
CRYSTALLIZATION OF WATER.
The crystallization of water under the form of those night frosts which so much prevail during the early spring, and which are of such important service in assisting the operations of agriculture, by rendering the surface of the earth mellow, and better susceptible of the manure that is necessary to it, are greatly assisted and in many cases entirely brought about by the intervention of moonlight. It is well known, that under certain circumstances, water will sink to the temperature of 22 degrees before it freezes, or takes the form of crystals. Indeed it will invariably do so in the absence of any mechanical agitation, and in the absence of light. It is an unquestionable fact, but one which has not been observed generally, or attended to, that during that period of the year which has been alluded to, and indeed other periods, before the moon rises on a still clear night, when the atmosphere is at a lower temperature than 32, the water remains in a liquid state, but immediately on the moon rising, and diffusing its light around, the water freezes, and performs the salutary offices required of it, without subjecting us to the severity of a low temperature.
From the National Gazette.
Mr. F. Kearny, engraver of Philadelphia, has finished a portrait of John Q. Adams, from a painting by King. The size of the print is eight by ten inches, and the execution of it highly creditable to the artist. Mr. Kearny is now employed in engraving a full length portrait of General La Fayette, as commander of the American and French troops at the assault on the enemy's redoubts near York Town. It will be taken from an original picture, that was deemed a good likeness when it was drawn.
M. Clement, a French chemist, has lately invented an apparatus, for the distillation of sea-water, by the burning of one pound of common coal. A single still will supply 500 pints of water daily, and the distillation may be performed in vessels at sea during the roughest weather.

Tract Societies.
From the Boston Recorder.
IMPORTANCE OF THE TRACT SYSTEM.
The two principal methods of extending Divine truth, are, first, by oral instruction; from the preaching of the Gospel down to the lessons of the Sabbath School, or to that most successful of all preaching, the eloquence by which a mother persuades the babes around her to be good that they may be happy. The second by written instruction; from the circulation of the Bible down to the little card, which it may be, contains only five words for Christ. Both methods are important; each is a hand-maid of the other; and each has its peculiar advantages. The former method was almost solely employed by Christ and his Apostles; for the latter was not within their reach.—But the inventions of eighteen centuries, especially that of the art of printing, have given Christians of the present day some peculiar advantages.
In the systematic efforts to spread the Gospel through the medium of the press, there are, at the present time, three natural divisions—the circulation of the Bible—of religious periodical publications—and of small miscellaneous works, adapted to the various circumstances of life, and calculated to excite a momentary attention. Among the excellencies of the Tract System, I mention
1. ITS CHEAPNESS.—Few are so indigent, that they cannot conveniently supply themselves and their families with an extensive series of these publications, making a little family religious library of inestimable value. The greater part of the community, without only supply themselves but many others who may be unsupplied through want of disposition or ability. But I am aware that the Christian public know full well the cheapness of these publications; and it may be even, that the expense of more extended operations of this kind, is by many underrated. Though a tract of ten pages costs but a single cent, yet at that rate, one million tracts cost ten thousand dollars—a sum small, indeed, in prosecuting many enterprises, and small in comparison with the number of tracts it puts in circulation; which, in order to put them in circulation, is indispensable. Another characteristic of the Tract System, is
2. ITS DIFFUSIVENESS.—By a process exceedingly simple, the tracts issued at one printing establishment may be kept in constant circulation almost through every vein of an empire. The General Depository of a man—the Depositories established in the larger towns are the arteries—Auxiliary Societies are the smaller branches of these arteries—and active individuals are the capillary tubes—all of which, in a beautiful harmony of operation, convey life, and health, and vigour to every part of the animal system. The American Tract Society has now about one hundred depositories, depending on it for an annual supply, some of

which may be found in almost every State, though "there remains yet" in the United States, "much land to be possessed."
But the facilities of the Tract system for circulating truth are perhaps more strikingly apparent, when we contemplate the efforts of the private individual. There is no one, of whatever age or condition in life, that may not by this method do incalculable good. The Minister of the Gospel, in the discharge of his pastoral duties, finds opportunities perpetually occurring. The Physician daily visits places of poverty and suffering. The Merchant sees, every week and every day, a multitude of the ignorant and wicked. The Gentleman who travels for pleasure, or amusement, or health or on business, may, by means of Religious Tracts, scatter the words of truth behind him, wherever he goes. The managers of Manufactories have under their care a flock of immortal beings, by whose toil they have their wealth, and to whom they are bound to give religious instruction. Every School Teacher, whether male or female, can send Religious Tracts into all the families with which their pupils are connected. Every father and every mother can supply their own children and those of the families around them. Every officer in the army, or navy, every gentleman engaged in commerce, every person connected with the Almshouse, the Hospital, or the Prison, has some special facilities for circulating Religious Tracts; and even the most haughty Monarch who regards the welfare of his subjects either for this world or the next, may hand a guinea to some of his attendants, and say "Take that, and distribute Religious Tracts where you think they will do good." There is one more consideration showing the excellence of the Tract System:
3. THE FITNESS of a Tract, as such, to seize the attention, and gain access to the heart. It will ever be true of Religious Tracts, as of other religious publications, that they are read more by the enlightened part of the community, than by the unenlightened; but the great mass of Society fall within the latter class. They do not enjoy the privileges of education, or the refinements of polished life. Their days are days of toil and fatigue; and when they return home at evening, the body requires rest, and the mind refuses any long continued effort. There is too a love of ease, an impatience of effort, common to all our species. And to this must be added those obstacles, which religion in all its forms meets in the human heart. Hence we see abundant reason why the most able treatises on moral subjects may lie within the reach of multitudes, unexamined, from year to year. Even the Bible itself, how shamefully is it neglected by a large portion of the community? Yet each one of these fellow beings, however unenlightened, has an immortal soul, a soul worth a universe of gold; a soul, worth as much, reader, as yours or mine. And if we can do any thing to give light to that soul, is it not a precious privilege, however humble may be the attempt?
The Religious Tract is short. It makes no demands for patient and long continued effort. In many cases, it may be read through in one quarter of an hour; and in that quarter of an hour, the little preacher may have fixed an arrow in the heart, that, by the blessing of God, shall cause the pangs of repentance unto life. But the Tract not only makes no claim to long continued effort, but
It is alluring. The title excites curiosity—the cut awakens interest by pointing to some affecting scene—the Tract itself, as far as examined, seizes on the heart, and for pleasure's sake, it will be explored to the end of it. All this is especially true in relation to the young, whose curiosity and sympathy are ardent, and their affections tender. To them the temptation to read becomes often irresistible; and in that interesting moment when the tear starts in the eye, they are sometimes told of a Saviour's love never to forget it more.
It is inoffensive.—I can bear to be told my follies by the Tract I am silently reading, far better than by a man, my superior or equal. And there is no third person interfering, to distract my attention from the requisitions of my Maker—I am left alone with Him and my own conscience; and the motives drawn from eternity may exert on my mind their legitimate influence.
The blessing of God has in a most remarkable manner attended the reading of Religious Tracts. But we cannot now dwell on this testimony to the usefulness of the Tract System. We add but one more evidence in its favour, which is that
Men of the world, and the offspring of vital religion, who are "wiser in their generation than the children of light," resort essentially to the same method of access to the human mind. Political men, on any emergency, fill the country with handbills and political tracts, to be circulated every where, and read by every one. The prince of the kingdom of darkness resorts to the same method. He sends his vile publications into every nook and corner of the civilized world, while the good man is little aware of it, are poisoning the minds of the ignorant and unsuspecting, and sowing in their hearts the seeds of vice and misery. To displace these injurious publications would be object enough to warrant all our efforts to circulate Religious Tracts, if nothing else could be gained. The proud infidel resorts to the same method; and he has some times done it with most alarming success. Probably one half of the fifty millions of Tracts published by the Religious Tract Society of London, have been called into being by the vile tracts circulated by infidels.—And let others say what they may, for myself, were I a settled minister

noxville College, Tennessee is in an infant state. T. Sherman, formerly a Tutor, is the President, and M. H. Professor of Mathematics. The number is generally about twenty;—it was thirty. In 1806 Congress gave 6,000 acres of land, for the Colleges; one in East, and one in Tennessee. The Legislature, at its last session, passed, for the purpose of increasing the interest of lands belonging to the State, a law, by which the interest was to be paid to them. The State has since received 60,000 acres of land, and is in compact with North-Carolina.

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...AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.
...The Seventh Annual Report of this Soci
...ty has just been published. It is accom
...panied by several interesting papers, mak
...ing a volume of 176 pages. In our next, we
...will present some extracts from the report.
...The volume is a neat lithogra
...phic map of Liberia, from surveys by Cap
...tain Spence, of the United States' Navy.

...INDIAN LANDS.
...An unpleasant discussion has recently oc
...curred much of the public attention. By a
...convention with Georgia, in 1802, the Uni
...ted States pledged themselves to purchase
...all the lands occupied by the Cherokee
...Indians in that State, amounting to 25,980,
...00 acres, if it could be done "peaceably
...and on reasonable terms." The United
...States have accordingly purchased 15,744,
...00 acres, and incurred a total expense of
...7,735,243, besides the expenses of the
...Creek war, by which upwards of 7,000,000
...acres were acquired by Georgia. The Che
...rokees now positively refuse to sell any
...more of their lands; but the State of Georgia
...insists, that the United States ought to force
...them to remove, if they cannot otherwise
...be prevailed on to do so. A communication
...has been made to the President by the Geor
...gia delegation in Congress, in which the
...claims of the State are earnestly and some
...times intemperately pressed. The Presi
...dent has laid the subject before Congress,
...stating, that

...It was proposed to the Cherokee chiefs
...this city in January, to procure and con
...vey to them, territory beyond the Mississip
...pi, in exchange for that which they hold
...within the limits of Georgia, or to pay them
...its value in money. To this proposal,
...their answer, which bears date 11th of Fe
...bruary following, gives an unqualified refu
...sal. By this it is manifest, that at the pre
...sent time, and in their present temper, they
...can be removed only by force, to which,
...should it be deemed proper, the power of
...the Executive is incompetent.

...I do not hesitate to declare it as my
...pinion, that the Indian title was not affect
...ed in the slightest circumstance by the con
...tract with Georgia, and that there is no obli
...gation on the United States to remove the
...Indians by force.

...My impression is equally strong, that it
...would promote essentially the security and
...happiness of the tribes within our limits, if
...they could be prevailed on to retire west
...and north of our states and territories, on
...lands to be procured for them by the United
...States, in exchange for those on which they
...now reside."

...The United States cannot force the Che
...rokees to abandon their lands, without vio
...lating the law of nations, as well as the duties
...of humanity.

...COLLEGIATE RECORD.
...Hartwick Literary and Theological Sem
...inary.—This Seminary is located, says
...the Boston Recorder, at Hartwick, near
...Cooperstown, N. Y. and is under the patron
...age of the Lutheran Church. The Library
...contains 1000 volumes, and measures have
...been recently adopted to increase not only
...the Library, but the Theological Depart
...ment. The number of students in theology
...ten.

...Knoxville College, Tennessee.—This Col
...lege is in an infant state. The Rev. David
...Sherman, formerly a Tutor in Yale Col
...lege, is the President, and Mr. James Mc
...Cuth, Professor of Mathematics and Natural
...philosophy. The number of students is
...generally about twenty;—it has sometimes
...been thirty. In 1806 Congress appropriated
...40,000 acres of land, for the endowment of
...Colleges; one in East, and the other in
...West Tennessee. The Legislature of Ten
...nessee, at its last session, passed an act, di
...recting the interest of lands belonging to the
...colleges to be paid to them. It has, also,
...received 60,000 acres of land by virtue of
...an act with North-Carolina University,

...40,000 acres of which have been appropri
...ated to Knoxville College.

...Hampden Sidney College, Vir.—It appears
...from the last Catalogue, that the officers are
...Jonathan P. Cushing, A. M. teacher of Ma
...thematics—Wm. W. Blauvelt, teacher of
...Languages—Peter M. Viccar, A. M. Pre
...ceptor of the Academy. The whole num
...ber of students is 130; of whom 88 are from
...Virginia. The number of hopefully pious
...students is about 30.

...BAPTIST GENERAL TRACT SOCIETY.
...An edition of 5000 copies of Tract "No.
...1," has been issued by this Society. It com
...prises the Constitution, Circulars, and Con
...stitution for Auxiliary Societies, with an
...Appendix, containing several useful sug
...gestions and interesting facts. The print
...ing of tracts will now proceed with all possible
...expedition. The prospects of the Society
...are encouraging. Applications for tracts
...are daily made from various quarters, and
...several Auxiliary Societies have been form
...ed. The following are extracts from letters
...on the subject:

...CAMBRIDGE, (Ohio,) April 19.
...On Friday last, I formed a "Tract So
...ciety here. Waving all formalities, I ob
...served to my scholars, and the young peo
...ple, that all who would pay me one cent a
...week, should be members, and I would send
...to Washington City, for nice little books for
...them. I have about thirty members alrea
...dy, who will wait very anxiously for tracts.
...You will please to send me some as soon as
...possible. I will write you again before ma
...ny days, and send you their money."

...I am of opinion, that there is not more
...than one person in fifty within one hundred
...miles of me, who knows what is meant by
...Religious Tracts. Nevertheless I think if I
...had a few of them, they might be a means
...of opening a door by which great good
...might be done here. I would endeavour to
...aid in forming an Auxiliary Society, should
...the Baptist General Tract Society think
...proper to send me a few of their tracts."

...DANVILLE, (Ky.) April 12.
...I am gratified to find that our society
...has originated a General Tract Society in
...your city. I feel deeply interested in the
...decided stand our denomination has taken in
...this subject, and will take the earliest oppor
...tunity to recommend it to the churches in
...this association. I find the people are much
...pleased with this kind of reading. I am
...happy to find by your letter that the cause
...of education is promising. I wish we could
...render you some aid to further this impor
...tant object. I feel unwilling for one to leave
...our eastern brethren, to bear all the burden
...of an institution which is the common prop
...erty of all. I rejoice with you in the pros
...perity of our eastern and western Missions. This
...cause which has been dear to my soul, since
...I professed religion at the age of fourteen,
...affords me more and more pleasure as the
...increase of my age presses me forward to
...eternity. Oh that we had a thousand such
...men in the field as Judson, M'Coy, Carey,
...Marshall, and their zealous coadjutors. I
...am pained when I reflect, that my means of
...rendering any aid in this great cause, are so
...circumscribed. If the latent energies of
...our denomination were developed, and
...brought to bear on missionary efforts, what
...good might we as a people effect. Let us all,
...my brethren, in our several stations, do what
...we can do. The arm of God, which rules
...the destinies of our mission will raise up
...friends."

...COMMON SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF
...NEW-YORK.
...The Boston Recorder contains the follow
...ing abstract:

...The last Report of the Superintendent
...was submitted to the Legislature, January 8,
...1824, and consists of sixty-eight folio pages.
...It contains the number of school districts in
...each town; the average number of months
...a school has been taught during the year;
...the amount of public money received; and the
...number of children taught; and the num
...ber of children residing in each town, be
...tween the ages of five and fifteen. The
...number of school districts and common
...schools, is 7382; of which, 6705 have made
...returns. 331 new districts were organized
...during the last year. 377,034 children were
...instructed, for the space of eight months, in
...the districts from which reports were re
...ceived, and it is supposed 23,500 more, in
...the districts from which reports were not
...received. 25,661 more children were in
...structed in 1823, than in 1822.—373,008
...children are between five and fifteen years
...of age, which is an increase in one year, of
...15,979. In the State, 4026 more children
...were instructed in 1823, than the whole num
...ber living in the State, between the ages
...above mentioned. \$182,802 were drawn
...from the Treasury, for the support of com
...mon schools, and it is supposed, that more
...than \$350,000 were drawn from private
...sources, for the same purpose.

...There are in the State 36 academies, in
...which are 2683 students; 3 colleges, in
...which are 464 students; and 2 medical col
...leges, in which are 291 students.

...The expense of instruction in common
...schools in 3 counties, was more than one
...dollar for each scholar; in sixteen counties,
...more than fifty cents, and less than one dol
...lar; in 34 counties, more than twenty-five,
...and less than fifty cents; and in one county,
...less than twenty-five cents.

...It is stated in the Report, that while in
...Connecticut not more than one sixth, in
...England one fifteenth, in Scotland one tenth
...of the population, are receiving the benefit
...of instruction in common schools; in New
...York, one fourth of the population are re
...ceiving it.

...The whole amount of the general and lo
...cal school fund, is \$1,637,003. Two lots of
...640 acres each, are also reserved in all the
...military bounty lands, for the support of
...the gospel and of schools. The proceeds
...of all the military bounty lands, which shall
...not be taken up, are to be added to the
...common school fund. The lands still un
...sold, which are reserved for the purposes of
...education, amount to nearly one million of
...acres.

...Eighteenth Congress.
...FIRST SESSION.
...SENATE.
...SATURDAY, April 24.
...Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on
...Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was
...referred the bill from the House of Repre
...sentatives, "to amend the several acts for
...imposing duties on imports," reported the
...same with amendments, which were read,
...and ordered to be printed.

...Mr. Dickerson also reported, from the
...same Committee, a comparative statement
...of the duties on imports, as now existing,
...and of the duties proposed to be levied by
...the bill now before the Senate. This state
...ment was ordered to be printed.

...A communication was received from the
...Department of War, relative to the arms
...furnished by the State of South Carolina,
...during the late war. Referred to the Com
...mittee on Military Affairs.

...The bill "further to amend the Judiciary
...system of the U. S. and to establish the
...Circuit Courts," was made the order of the
...day for Monday next.

...Mr. Jackson, from the Joint Committee
...of both Houses, appointed to examine and re
...port upon the business necessary to be ac
...ted upon at the present session of Congress,
...and at what time the session may be closed,
...submitted a report in part.

...Mr. Van Dyke, from the select committee
...on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred
...the memorial from the President and Di
...rectors of the Delaware Canal Company,
...requesting the aid of the government in their
...undertaking, submitted a report on that sub
...ject; accompanied by a bill "authorizing the
...subscription to the stock of the Dela
...ware Canal Company." The bill was read,
...and passed to a second reading; and the re
...port was ordered to be printed.

...The bill which originated in the Senate,
..."to provide for the settlement of certain pe
...cuniary claims against the United States,"
...was read the third time. The question,
..."Shall the bill pass?" was then put, and de
...cided in the negative, yeas, 19; nays, 25.

...The bill "supplementary to 'An act, en
...titled 'An act to incorporate the Company
...for making certain turnpike roads in the
...District of Columbia,'" was read the third
...time, PASSED, and sent to the other House
...for concurrence.

...The bill from the other House, "to pro
...cure the necessary surveys for roads and
...canals," was read the third time. The
...question on its final passage was decided in
...the affirmative; yeas, 24; nays, 18.

...The bill "to repeal, in part, an act to au
...thorize the territory of Alabama to form a
...Constitution, and establish a State Govern
...ment," was ordered to be engrossed, and
...read the third time.

...Adjourned.

...MONDAY, April 26.
...Nineteen bills from the House of Repre
...sentatives were twice read, and referred to
...appropriate Committees.

...The bill reported by the Committee on
...the Judiciary, "further to amend the Judi
...ciary System of the United States, and to
...provide for the holding of the Circuit
...Courts," together with the amendment pro
...posed by Mr. Johnson, of Ky. was taken up
...for consideration, in committee of the whole,
...Mr. Gaillard in the Chair. After consider
...able discussion, the bill and amendments
...were ordered to lie on the table.

...The bill "to repeal, in part, an act to au
...thorize the territory of Alabama to form a
...Constitution and establish a State govern
...ment," was read the third time and PASSED.
...On motion of Mr. Lammam, the title was
...altered, in order to render it more conform
...able to the bill, as amended. It is now en
...titled "An act to grant the assent of Congress
...to an act of the Legislature of the State of Al
...abama."

...Adjourned.

...TUESDAY, April 27.
...Mr. Lloyd, from the Joint Committee of
...Conference on the disagreement of the two
...Houses, in regard to an amendment made
...in Senate to the bill "making appropriations
...for the support of the Navy, for the year
...1824," reported an amendment, allow
...ing \$200,000 for the contingent expenses
...of the Navy Department; which was
...agreed to by the Senate. It will be recol
...lected, that the bill as passed in the
...House, provided for this item, \$180,000; in
...the Senate this sum was struck out, and
...\$225,000 substituted.

...On motion of Mr. Van Buren, the Senate
...then proceeded to the consideration of Ex
...ecutive business. After the doors were
...opened,

...The bill "to amend the several acts for
...imposing duties on imports," was taken up
...for consideration, and was postponed to,
...and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

...On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill from
...the other House, "making appropriations
...for the fortifications of the United States,
...for the year 1824," was taken up for con
...sideration, in committee of the whole, Mr.
...Van Dyke in the chair. The bill was re
...ported to the Senate without amendment,
...and its third reading by general consent,
...and was PASSED.

...Adjourned.

...WEDNESDAY, April 28.
...Mr. Benton asked leave to introduce a
...bill "to sell and dispose of the refuse lands
...belonging to the United States." Leave
...was granted, and the bill was read a first
...time, and ordered to be printed.

...Mr. H. Johnson, of Lou. submitted the
...following resolution, which was read, and
...laid over for consideration:

...Resolved, That the Postmaster Gen
...eral be directed to report to the Senate, at
...their next session, the nearest practicable
...post route from New Orleans to Wash
...ington City."

...THE TARIFF.
...The Senate proceeded to consider, in com
...mittee of the whole, the bill from the House
...of Representatives, to amend the several
...acts for imposing duties on imports," to
...gether with the amendments proposed
...thereto, by the Committee on Commerce
...and Manufactures of the Senate, which
...were agreed to by the committee of the
...whole.

...Mr. Mills then moved to amend the bill,
...by striking out the following clause: "On
...iron in bars or bolts, not manufactured, in
...whole or in part, by rolling, ninety cents

...per hundred and twelve pounds weight."
...An animated debate took place on this
...amendment; the question was then taken,
...and decided in the affirmative, yeas, 24;
...nays, 23.

...Adjourned.

...THURSDAY, April 29.
...Eighteen bills from the House of Repre
...sentatives, relating to private claims, were
...twice read, and referred to appropriate
...committees.

...The resolution submitted yesterday by
...Mr. H. Johnson, of Louisiana, directing the
...Postmaster General "to report to the Sen
...ate, at their next session, the nearest
...practicable post route from New Orleans to
...Washington City," was again read for con
...sideration.

...THE TARIFF.
...The Senate then resumed, as in commit
...tee of the whole, the unfinished business of
...yesterday, being the consideration of the
...bill from the House of Representatives "to
...amend the several acts for imposing duties
...on imports." Mr. King, of Alabama, was
...called to the chair.

...Mr. Lloyd, of Mass. moved to amend the
...bill, by striking out the following clause:
..."On hemp, two cents per pound" which
...motion, after considerable discussion, was
...carried in the affirmative; yeas, 24; noes,
...23.

...Adjourned.

...FRIDAY, April 30.
...The Senate resumed the consideration of
...the bill "to amend the several acts laying
...duties on imports"—Mr. King, of Alabama,
...in the chair.

...Mr. Kelly moved to amend the bill by
...striking out after the words, "on cotton bag
...ging, 4 cents per square yard," the follow
...ing—"until the 30th day of June, 1825;"
...and afterwards a duty of 5 cents per square
...yard." The amendment was adopted.

...Mr. Holmes, of Maine, moved to except
...from the following clause, "on all manufac
...tures not herein specified, of cotton, silk,
...flax, or hemp, or of which either of these
...materials shall be a component part, a duty
...of 25 per cent. ad valorem," the following
...articles, "Russia, Holland, and Ravens duck,
...and Russia sheeting," which motion was
...carried.

...Mr. Barbour moved also to except from
...the same clause, Osnaburghs and German
...linens. This amendment was opposed by
...Mr. Dickerson; but before taking the ques
...tion, on motion of Mr. Talbot, the bill was
...laid on the table, and the Senate proceeded
...to the consideration of Executive business.

...Adjourned.

...HOUSE.
...SATURDAY, April 24.
...Mr. Taylor, from the Joint Committee,
...appointed to report what business required
...the attention of Congress, during the pre
...sent session, and at what time Congress
...shall adjourn, made a report in part, with
...respect to the business to be taken up,
...which is divided into two classes, and re
...ported the following resolution, which was
...adopted:

...Resolved, That all the legislative busi
...ness before the Senate, the bills before the
...House of Representatives mentioned in
...Schedule No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and so many of
...those mentioned in Schedule No. 5, as time
...shall permit, be acted upon at the present
...session; that precedence be given to pri
...vate claims, examined and sanctioned by
...the Committees to which they were re
...spectively referred, and to bills of a public
...nature which it is believed will not require
...protracted discussion; and that those
...which are embraced in Schedule No. 5,
...which shall not be decided upon before the
...rising of Congress, be preferred in the or
...ders of the day, at the commencement of
...the next session of Congress.

...Mr. Taylor, from the same Committee,
...reported the following resolution:

...Resolved, That, after this day, until
...otherwise ordered, the House will daily
...take a recess, from two o'clock until four
...o'clock, in the afternoon.

...At the suggestion of Mr. Webster, the
...motion was modified, so as to propose a re
...cess from 2 o'clock until 4, and the hour of
...meeting in the morning to be 10 o'clock,
...and was then adopted.

...A number of relief bills were passed to a
...third reading.

...Adjourned.

...MONDAY, April 26.
...Among the memorials presented this
...morning, was one signed by about five hun
...dred citizens of the county of Alexandria,
...in this District, praying for a retrocession
...thereof to the State of Virginia; which was
...referred to the Committee on the District
...of Columbia.

...Mr. Hemphill, from the Committee on
...Roads and Canals, reported a bill "to au
...thorize the surveying and opening of a road
...from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Il
...linois; which was twice read and commit
...ted.

...The House was engaged the principal
...part of the day in the consideration of pri
...vate business.

...Adjourned.

...TUESDAY, April 27.
...Mr. McLane, from the Joint Committee
...of Conference, appointed on the part of this
...House, to meet a Committee on the part of
...the Senate, in relation to the Navy approp
...riation bill, made a report, recommending
...a compromise of the difference between
...the two Houses as to the item of Conting
...ent Expenses of the Navy; which report
...the House concurred in.

...Mr. Hamilton moved that the rule adopt
...ed, on Saturday last, for holding a daily
...recess from 2 till 4 o'clock, be rescinded,
...which was carried; yeas, 100; nays, 69.

...A considerable number of relief bills
...were passed to a third reading.

...Adjourned.

...WEDNESDAY, April 28.
...Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on
...the Public Buildings, made the following re
...port:

...The Committee on the Public Build
...ings, to whom was referred the resolution,
...instructing them to inquire into the expedi
...ency of purchasing three of Capillano's
...marble busts of Washington, having had
...the subject under consideration, report—
...That, however laudable it may be, in the
...government, to cherish a disposition friendly
...to the fine arts, and to patronize ingenious

...artisans, or politic to adorn our public halls
...or libraries with the likenesses of departed
...sages or heroes, it is inexpedient to pur
...chase these busts, at this time, under ex
...isting circumstances."

...The report was concurred in.

...About 23 relief bills were passed, and
...sent to the Senate for concurrence, and 18
...were passed to a third reading.

...Adjourned.

...THURSDAY, April 29.
...The House was principally engaged to
...day, in the consideration of relief bills, many
...of which were passed.

...Adjourned.

...FRIDAY, April 30.
...Mr. Little, from the Committee on Pen
...sions and Revolutionary Claims, reported
...the bill from the Senate, "concerning in
...valid pensioners," with sundry amendments;
...and the bill, with the amendments, were
...committed to a committee of the whole
...House.

...On motion of Mr. Tattnell, it was,
...Resolved, That the Committee on Mil
...itary Affairs be instructed to inquire into,
...and report at the next session of Congress,
...the extent to which it is expedient to adopt
...the system of defence, proposed in the
...several reports of the Board of Engineers,
...for the defence of the maritime frontier of
...this country; the amount which it is esti
...mated the works in contemplation, approv
...ed by the Committee, may cost, specifying
...the location and estimated cost of each par
...ticular work; and also the amount which
...it may be proper and expedient to appro
...priate, annually, for gradually effecting the
...above contemplated plan of defence.

...On motion of Mr. Warfield, it was
...Resolved, That the Committee on the
...Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the
...expediency of repealing an Act of the Le
...gislation of the state of Maryland, (so far
...as the said act extends to the District of
...Columbia,) passed in the year 1785, en
...titled "An Act ascertaining what shall be
...recovered on protested bills of exchange,"
...and to repeal an act of the Assembly there
...in mentioned.

...Mr. A. Stevenson, from the Select Com
...mittee, to whom the message of the Presi
...dent on the subject was referred, reported
...a bill making an appropriation for the pay
...ment of the claim of Daniel D. Tompkins,
...which was read and committed.

...A large number of bills, for the relief
...of individuals, and for other purposes, not
...of general importance, were passed, and
...others acted on.

...Adjourned.

...ORDINATION.
...On Tuesday, March 23, the Reverend
...ELEAZER SAVAGE was ordained to the pas
...toral care of the Baptist church of Christ,
...in Rochester, New-York.—Sermon by Rev.
...E. M. Spencer, of Middlebury, from Isaiah
...iii. 7.—"How beautiful upon the mountains
...are the feet of him that bringeth good tid
...ings of good, that publisheth salvation; that
...saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!"—Con
...secrating prayer by Rev. Wm. Witter, of
...Gorham; charge by Rev. Solomon Goodale,
...of Bristol; right hand of fellowship, by Rev.
...R. H. Benedict, of Riga; address to the
...church and society, and concluding prayer,
...by Rev. Ely Stone, of Wheatland; ben
...ediction by the candidate.

...TO CORRESPONDENTS.
..."H" on Close Communion, has been re
...ceived. His fundamental position, that
...Christ formed his eleven disciples only into a
...church, and for that reason, did not invite
...any other believers on his name to partake
...of the Supper, at the time it was instituted,
...is, we conceive, destitute of proof from
...Scripture. On a subject so often canvassed,
...it is unsafe to take any position which can
...not be successfully maintained. It is not
...advisable, moreover, to perplex the discus
...sion, by bringing forward arguments of a
...doubtful character. These are our reasons
...for declining to publish the essay of our
...esteemed correspondent.

...The poetry of "Carolinus" is creditable
...to the author; but the strain is, we think,
...unnecessarily prolonged. We shall give it
...a place, taking the liberty to omit a few su
...perfluous stanzas, in order to bring it within
...convenient limits; as well as to add to its
...force and effect.

...The hint of "Apollon" shall be attended
...to. He will allow us to hint, in return, that
...his taste may differ from that of others, who
...have the same right to be occasionally grati
...fied. The contents of a paper must be diver
...sified, and the only practicable method to
...do justice to all its readers, is to leave the
...Editor to consult his own judgment. He
...can, at least, receive no aid from the con
...tradictory counsel which is bestowed on him.

...The Rev. Dr. STAUGHTON will per
...form Divine service at the Capitol, to-mor
...row morning at 11 o'clock.

...MARRIED.
...On the evening of the 22d ult., at College
...Hill, D. C. by the Rev. Dr. Staughton, WILSON
...JEWELL, M. D. of Philadelphia, to MISS RA
...CHAL LYONS, daughter of the late Solomon Ly
...ons, Esq. of Frankford, Pennsylvania.

...On the 22d ult., by the Rev. Mr. Addison,
...CHARLES, son of George Hay, Esq. to LUCY,
...eldest daughter of Walter S. Chandler, Esq. of
...Georgetown.

...On the 22d ult., by the Rev. William Hamil
...ton, Mr. EDWARD W. LEWIS, to MISS JANE C.
...BORN, all of this city.

...In Georgetown, on the 22d ult., by the Rev.
...Mr. Balch, Mr. JOHN M. DONNELLY, to MISS
...JULIA M. DAILY, both of Leesburg, Virginia.

...On the morning of the 27th ult., at Geor
...getown College, by the Rev. Thomas Levens, Mr.
...CHARLES MURRAY, to MISS ELIZABETH ROBIN
...SON, both of Alexandria.

...On Wednesday evening, the 14th ult., by the
...Rev. William E. Ashon, the Rev. SAMUEL R.
...GREENE, to MISS JEMIMA DAIZEY, daughter of
...the late Rev. Eliphas Daizey, both of Phila
...delphia.

...DIED.
...On the 21st ult., Mrs. MARY ANN ENACK,
...in the 21st year of her age, consort of Mr.
...John D. Enack, near Bladensburg.

...At Philadelphia, on the 14th ult., Mrs. ANN,
...consort of Mr. John Owen, in the 27th year of
...her age.

